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Shang Po. Laimo
February 1935

Dearest Mummie mine:
I want to get a letter off to you mater mine—
you surely have been neglected! But you've
had a card & know at least that we are well
& safe— My! the fullness of these days. There is just
no time at all. These days are fuller than usual
even because Mis Hsü mater is ill & just
Mis Law & I are here. Added to that these days
are holidays — New Year festival days — many
brides, daughters & women who ordinarily do not
go out are free these days so the crowds of sight-
seers mill & throng this queer foreign
This place is just newly opened. Last year that
80 year-old woman who received a Luke Chuang
was used to bring her relatives here to believe —
She gotten a few more here to believe — so just
this year has the gospel come. Mr. Conradt has come
several times just for a half-day or so. So here was
this little group — just waiting Christ — very
prematurely baptized but the not instructed in the
least fundamentals yet sincere. That group to lead
beside caring for - all the non-christian crowds —
Each time there are just two of us we see all the
more the wisdom & love in the Master's plan that
has led the three of us together. We do so hope
Mis Hsü can come soon. I have gotten out my
big fat letter file & paper several times but so far
they are still there — A lot of Christmas thank-yous
& notes for you to include in the reports.
See later how things go - maybe I can write.

So many - Sara Lois - box of nuts - Bud + Bess lovely tin of candy my has been a joy - we've had a feast - all these Bill surely get letters off next place! Oh the privilege + joy of coming to these new groups of hungry seekers! The Holy Spirit's marvelous love + work in men's hearts. It is just a fitting into what he's all prepared — just harvesting the harvest that is white — All the numbers of such little groups — springing up like mushrooms! faster than we can in any way really instruct, We've found here fruit of seed-sowing of fully five years ago in a near by village - Two who wanted then to believe! My little encouragement to just sow the seed widely. Here two have come in full confession + real conversion (as far as man can tell)! How clearly here we see the devious ways of the Lord's leading. This one bride heard that time in the 5 yrs ago nearby village She was willing then + wanted to believe. A neighbor last year went to another village to a relatives'. There they told her if she'd accept Christ her acute indigestion would be cured — Just see the grace + wideness of His love + using all means to bring the numbers of His church to completeness. Surely the time for His return is near - These stories of miracles + His grace are just duplicated over + over here + there - no time to write them all down —— That relative believed + her illness of 7 years was healed; She told this family here. The bride mentioned above had the same illness since 8 years of age. She believed + was also well thereafter. They told another whose son also heard that time 5 yrs ago — That one was demon - possessed. She believed + he was cure

3) See they all believed + illnesses healed — That was all they knew; + that was the way they told it. From as a healer only
The Muslim families of these two believed because of the healing. We had no more than come hardly a couple of days + all the three — two the illness of the girl grasped + all of one day + nite in pain — both came back! Strange? At first we didnt understand + prayed earnestly for this healing — then it came to us clearly; The healing door had temporarily been opened + they had had an introduction to his grace but they didnt know at all about the real reason for Christs coming for sin. Just while we were here He closed the door so they could find the right road.— The whole faith of the family was on the bride's healing — looked like the whole thing was a farce + we were fakers! Had the illness not returned - They'd have put satisfied already without really knowing Him! The bride confessed her sins + really then knew a new peace + joy. The pain was only a day + night where before at the least it would be a week + once it was 40 days before it stopped. As soon as it was clear to us that the one door opened to lead them on to the real way was to be closed — she was better. When the real reason for christs coming was clear then their faith too was cleared + strengthened — Now the whole group has found the right door — were been praying with them one by one these days. One night the bride in her sleep — in a dream or a vision — said she was trying to cross a river There was a very narrow bridge + She was afraid. One dressed in all white helped her across + asked her whether she recognized him or not "No" - she said. "I am the Saviour Jesus, I will forgive your sins" Then she confessed to him + he led her on to a broad smooth road" She said the happiness that filled her heart was just unspeakable. Now she

4] Knows that the leading was a miracle of love & grace but that is not the primary reason for believing in Jesus. See how wonderfully He has led thru it all. How sweetly His Love is leading - so many just children in the Kingdom but He is leading each in the way each one needs).

One day a group of men from a nearby place came for days meetings - Had a blessed afternoon studying "The Second Coming"; I am feeling a new responsibility these days on this subject. While at M's is how her brother - the one I've written you of - in prayer about this special work of the Holy Spirit & is questioning whether it is because of the Lord's speedy return - the master revealed very clearly to him — what is true to what we believed before & Bible teaches — That the number of the saved who are spiritually prepared to be captured up in the air is still lacking & great numbers, the task is too big for ~~the people~~ vapers so the Holy Spirit Himself is just feeding out & saving souls in this special way!" None here but testify to the difference in closed & new villages opening & larger & clear definite conversions, & new spiritual miracles, etc

There is just no comparison to the years before furlough, The truth has come clearly what I'd felt before — that not all who believe — who profess belief can be gathered in the clouds, only those who truly love Him & who are spiritually prepared. That there will in it have worldliness & Sin as if burned out by the tribulation, Saved as by fire, Those will not have rewards or be able to reign as King with Him! The parable of the virgins makes me feel

5] so. Matt 7:21 also — I feel a new burden not only for salvation of these souls but for the preparation — to be spiritually prepared to meet Him in the air. Roy, do you agree with me? It has come with a new force + clearness in these days of special study before the days of conference at Hwo Li Chuang. — Years ago I thought anyone who called himself a christian could be gathered to meet Him in the clouds but now I do not think that is true. Those who make up the pearl only can be gathered — perhaps even some of it who are saved but not prepared nor watching — I feel a new burden for loved ones + for all of these groups of believers here. May He lead each of us daily more to be changed to His likeness that we may be ready!

Roy are there evidences in the church life there of this new revival of the Holy Spirit in cleansing of sin, repentance + a new power in your witness? I'm sure it is for anyone who hungers for it in church absolutely clean + surrendered heart—

I wrote part of this before lunch out in the courtyard in the sun; now Miss Law is teaching the group that has filled the rooms.

Mother, Miss Law wants me to thank you so for your gift to her. She took her dollar danced up + down singing "I have a gold dollar" "This is my first American money in my life!" She said be sure to thank you with many bows!

I have three letters here. The cook went in to get things + brought out letters + packages — Rec 16. 24. 29 — I may not get all answered today but will begin. How I enjoyed them!

6] Matter mine, you must not feel badly about using the Board money — please use it joyfully! The pension money you must not worry about, that money + for the insurance is taken out in New York + is Shanghai $10.35 gold per month + kept there for that purpose + never touched so that you need never worry — What is left of the salary is sent me + don't worry dear, I have plenty for my needs!. That for you is for the Lord too so you use it gladly. Yes mumie dear the Lord provides + will provide. If that check is not enuf you let me give you more mumie mine // Don't worry, dear I'm well, and have daily strength + more joy than ever before! No hard cold this years — a slight one that I feared might go to sinus but it didn't + was soon over! When He has finished burning out the dross with illness + wants to use Something else to train me — the illnesses cease — So three months I praise Him for strength + health. So glad you liked the jacket — small? Are you fatter? It might be small, tho, too. It was a piece just that large + was made as large as it could be. You use the lace front that will be pretty!

Mrs. Van Buren has been ill again am not sure now She's surely having a long siege of it.

Please thank the Ladies in Oregon City for the $2.01 + share part of this letter with them. I shall buy soap with it + tooth paste + see how the amounts compare + which is the best. Thank them for the loving remembrance + prayers + thinking of me - at a sacrifice of something you want - It is given as to Him so I accept it and Thank you!

7] I should write a special letter to you but I hope you'll understand why the delay. I'll try to write later but these days I can't possibly get all in. Thank you - for now - a letter later!

I'm sure the boys will appreciate their quilts - grandmother's garden + rising Sun. The later sounds Japanese!

No, mumsie mine - The Lord hasn't + won't punish you for not telling about those times when the leading was very clear + you heard Him speak to you! No dear not punishment at all. The telling of it as you feel it would be well, would be giving praise + glory to Him + there might be someone whose faith needed that witness to help him. We find in our meetings that man's heart is all the same. We constantly mention some sin or disposition of the past + the victory given over it. True it doesn't concern these people the way I sinned but that witness "rings a bell in their hearts" - "Ah, I have that sin, too!" It gives a different basis there is the difference of 'I who have not sinned, wrote to you' attitude and the "I am a sinner saved by grace" attitude. After they say to us - "Ah, we thought you never had sinned nor have any temptations - but after we see Jesus has changed you then maybe he can change me". There is great power in a living witness of what Christ has actually done! not mere theory!

Do not spend postage on old Christmas cards now. I have a cat still but the S.S. pictures or rolls - I want. Thank you Tell me the postage will - I keep account.

Thank the boys for the Hunters - Good to the "Hunters" The "man wanted by Yandit" is a translation of Olivier Iquer. I find I do that so much. I think I have not spoken English at

8] at since November — I think in chinese ~~mostly~~ — 'least that was a bandit ~~taken~~ by the officers + he gave the as I recall
aleta's main name as an accomplice. I'm so proud of the boys - picking turkey + cleaning the house —
Remember Bud's lesson in picking chicken just before his marriage. Your 13 eggs gift for Christmas — reminds me of his! Only 10 is the number here instead of 12! We've had 40 eggs given us since we came. I was glad to know how you all spent Christmas — It was nice to have new years together —

I surely had a good time at Miss Tai's home over the new year — It was a privilege to be in the home. Hsiu Jze — her young brother — is a peach. Just a natural lovable lad — surely deeply changed since last summer. A number there came for prayer after the three days meetings — one who had not been in church for years —

It's night — a little silence — the crowd gone + those wanting medicine — now writing by lantern light — cook fixing suppers.

New Year festivities soon over — I want to tell Margie + Lurin + I.F.M.S. girls about last night's New year — or another sheet —

Much love dearest ones to you. God richly bless + give great blessing to souls this year — May we daily have in reality "the mind of Christ" — in Chinese that is translated the "heart of Christ." I like it better —

Give my love to all — Ruth + all her group. I still owe her the promised letter —

Love — Irene

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Mrs. E. J. Forsythe
710 Jefferson Street
Oregon City
Oregon
U.S.A.

Feb 12 35

I received your letter
and was glad to hear
from you. I am sorry
that you have been
sick. I hope you
are better now.
I have had the flu
but I am well
now. I will write
you some more
soon. Good bye
Love

be enclosed with reports, my letters are a problem I'll get these off then no more till summer! My! folks have been so good to me. I must write them to thank them. Budi candy has been a treat we're still eating it - Please thank the Oregon City group for the $2.01. It has come safely & when sack went in for supplies I have thought wondering of the 1¢ - a child or someone poor - Anyway I know they are gifts for Him & I accept them so. We have had meetings here on the Second coming & the Master has richly blessed them to so many. He's blessed it all the more since it was in first time. My mummie dear don't worry about us - We're four pioneers absolutely new (Pioneer) do pray for physical & Spiritual strength I love you mummie mine & pray you are well - Love to all - Irene

March 17, 1935

Hue Lin Chung -

Dearest Mumie + all -

Miss Tom sends love + says again it is a pleasure to do for you. Did you get #1 - Passed it to Ted + Ted passed it to Susie - it was there!

Just a little letter this P. M. as there is a man going into Saint Leo tomorrow + it is time for a letter for you all. I want you to have one sent upon worry about the last card saying I had grip. Well, it is two weeks tomorrow since I came & we thought to stay only a few days but this grip has lasted longer than we thought — but it has been desperately ill at all but it seems slow getting over + all pep to come back. We were due a little rest anyway so we're taking it. Don't worry at all. By time you receive this as well as first card will be on the roads again. Miss this matter has been such a peach to me! My. How I have been here a lot. counting the New Years time.

2/ I'll leave her money present -- I haven't anything here + I want her to get something for herself.!

Mumsie mine, I've four letters from you here. this time I hope to answer them. Did you write to Pastor Giles of Calvary Pres. church for the last letter which I sent them -- addressed to miss Samberson before I knew of her death? I mentioned it before. That was a Board letter - as she was my correspondent - I hope it has already been sent to Mrs. M. G. Burkhart, 2167 S.W. Yamhill Street, Portland because she is my new correspondent + she will think I've failed on my letter. I've just not been able to get a matter off to her. I hope to soon. I've a number of Christmas "thank you" still due. The reports will be coming to you soon. Ruth had them done + wrote last week that they'd soon be ready. Be sure to endorse one to the Mrs. M. G. Burkhart instead of Samberson, That church, Calvary Pres. church, gave $50.00 for my support each year. I just had a letter from

3] a Mrs. Brown there thanking me for the report - that they loved me & my work but they had decided to go in with the Independent Board, but hoped to get reports in future. Do as you think best about sending them. Send them one. I think best to do so for it will counteract the Independent Board propaganda to the effect that all are Modernists — tho perhaps not. What do you think, Ray? Anyway send one. I'd hate to have them think I'm mad about their withdrawing the support. If they want one send it. The deficit the Board will make up - you mustn't worry about that matter mine - I only mention it in way of reports. The Independent Board must be groaning — What about it?
I feel sorry about the divisions + all.
I wonder really how Christ feels about it all. Is it a case of pulling up stakes before the harvest or is it the right thing?

Mrs Ithon came out three weeks ago + brought some letters + then took made a trip in + brought the others. That is pretty

4 initialed letter paper. Enjoyed so your acct of the New Years dinner — Lovely. I'd surely have enjoyed it + so nice to have Margie up for over night + a play with boys. I can picture your party for them. I'm sure that Bessie's dinner would be lovely + so glad you'd such a happy day!

So the Lindsay baby murderer is on trial — for sake of others I hope he is caught — may he repent himself! Of course stupid how those quilts. I suppose Retta wants to use hers on her turn beds — that's why she wants another one. I thought of that when you wrote. Was it a big quilt?. That's nice they wanted another.

If you felt happy about giving the pin + ring to them — that's what I want — your happiness. I know you liked them especially so if I find others I send you another which do you like best the ring or pin first?

Your keeping account of all you spend for me. due — postage envelopes etc, I'll be going in before long + will send you the money.

5] So yaw had a cald snap about time we had a big cald + deep snaw here — glad yaw'd a warm place. Don't worry about us. We've plenty of warm clothes + we've had a warm fire in our room each place — My dear we're comfy! I just praise God that in the cold weather yaw had warm clothes + a warm house to be in + food. Many here + there too didn't have I know. My how great His love + grace is to us — not that we are better than they either? May He ever give us a grateful heart — that is the first step in contentment. Please thank the Coopers for their kindness to yaw taking yaw in the car. I am so glad yaw're near Eula + Roy + the church folks. It gives yaw such a wealth of companionship. I do so want to get a letter aff to Warren — it has been a year + one to Emmett — These weeks since New Year have been the hardest to get letters off. Yaw should have kept the 2.00 honey for yaw bills for me — I haven't been in to cash it yet — Thank yaw dear Emmett can do what he likes with his extra cane — I surely wish Earl had

-6- mentioned it — that record one caused no end of trouble here to get it mailed at last but that is a small matter after all. Glad the little fur piece is still usable + that the Chinese warm clothes still a need.

Matter mine I'm sure the years will bring new peace + joy in' your new resolve to live closer to the Master. He never gives a longing but He Himself satisfies it. They that hunger + thirst after righteousness shall be filled!

If I don't get a greeting off to the Presbyterial you send a verbal one anyway - I'll try -

My children 10 + 11 yr. old girls at Enterprise made + sold candy at Christmas to send me a gift + it was $4 gold. Imagine. I think I'll put it in to the children's church at Wang Chia Lan, if He so leads. My such gifts just touch one to the quick! I know the Lord cares for such loving gifts! Bumper included too the $4 from birthday offering. Nice to have a visit

You must not feel so indebted to his youngsters for helping you with money! Why should it we + we'd be brats if we didn't after all your years of sacrifice for us.

7] + we've done all too little. Bud, Warren + I. Yes I'll include them too, I think after how Eula + Ray have been so wonderful to you. I was telling miss Jan about Ray + how nice he is to you — She said for a son-in-law (that is very unusual in China life) to be so nice — "the Lord is in his heart" They will have a special reward which we won't have — Somehat Warren, Bud in gifts. You must not feel you must repay + do for you you must not feel you must repay

No, we've not the same hindrances to work here as at home — but in proportion equally great — all the old devil's works — What they understand here + there do can't be compared! not one person in U.S. likely but has heard the name of Jesus but here!!! ... if one in 500 has heard that is a high average!

Hope Aunt Glennie is free from suffering. I can't wish her to live + suffer. May His will be done with Him! Of course the lonely hearts here + especially Uncle Arthur — will be pretty much alone — Good he has Hazel + family.

8] I could duplicate your "just a minute. that is our dear neighbor" several times over. folks are same all over China & U.S. — That was nice to have the "Sisterhood" Dinner.

Mumsie mine, no place will seem like a home of your own without Daddy Si. I'm sorry to have you thinking of moving again. It surely seems that place is good — Youre comfy & downstairs & don't have to build fires & still not alone — yet are free to do as you please — You wanted someone with you before — You can see Eula & boys every day. It is within your means & So many have so much less. My I see so many old ladies here & what they suffer — even old ladies out with a staff & basket begging — ah the sorry tales that fill our ears & the unhappy hearts. I know the secret of their discontent for some, even with special comfort is that they banish the Lord & Saviour in their hearts. Some children treat them unspeakably you'd think — all with no thought of course. My mumsie yours is a Heaven in comparison with them. You have the Master not to speak of love & freedom from too great care. I know, mumsie dear, the landlords & tenements cost money now.

If it won't come likely by changing hours merely. Honey, if you know what would you want to change? Please try to cast that feeling upon the Lord - just surrender it daily + ask Him for the great gift of deep contentment + peace. He can give it; it is in Him. With Him in your heart that gift is there as yours right by your taking it in faith, It is for His glory too that you have it. It is a testimony to what He can give in the heart. There is no disposition too hard for Him to soften if He can break bonds of 40 years of opium habit He can conquer this. I think of Paul's "I have learned in whatever state I am to be content" - He had to learn too, it won't from the first + so we must too. It isn't easy. Matter, I do not sympathize I do - I understand - if you don't think there were something wrong then I'd say more but if there isn't I doubt the wisdom just now - I'll pray more + you do too for His deep peace to so fill that this can be conquered. It will add so to your happiness + comfort + glorify Him - Shall we pray?

10) all my chinese family looked Ray's picture over + pronounced him "handsome"! Hasn't that Ray- good blossoming out in Oregonian. Good for you Eula - I'm voting for you. I'd know before Walter said you'd have it spent for missions! Yes I get 'Women + Missions' + Year book of Prayer. Nice to go to McClains. Wonder if I know Walter Huff - There was such a man at Moody. Good for Naomi. God bless them. - You're reading A. J. We're been enjoying Job there few days. One needs to have been thru a few trials to appreciate this book. I didn't formerly — Job surely was good — Lied scold his friends. How God knew Satan way at bit We've known a bit there years of Satan's attacks but praise God He is victor + when he has tried us we will come out as gold" just so His patience holds on to us — + don't cast us off as not worth refining. Much love my precious mummie. I love you so dearly + do so pray for your daily peace + contentment + health — Love to all my dearest ones — May the Lord prepare us all to meet Him in the air. + Oh Praise Him for His love — Love I remain

Brownsville. Oreg. Mar. 28/33

Dear Mrs. Forsythe. Was sure surprised to find your card last night & read it for the first time. I had seen the card but thot that it was your old card which I had saved for your address. Now I am very sorry about this and will try not to be so careless next time. We sure appreciated your coming; and leaving your book and will read it at the earliest possible date. Sincerely Mrs. J.E. Whitsett.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

BROWNSVILLE. OREG. MAR 24 A.M. 1905

U.S. POSTAGE 1 JEFFERSON 1

Mrs. Amy E. Forsythe

710 Jefferson St.

Oregon City.

Oreg.

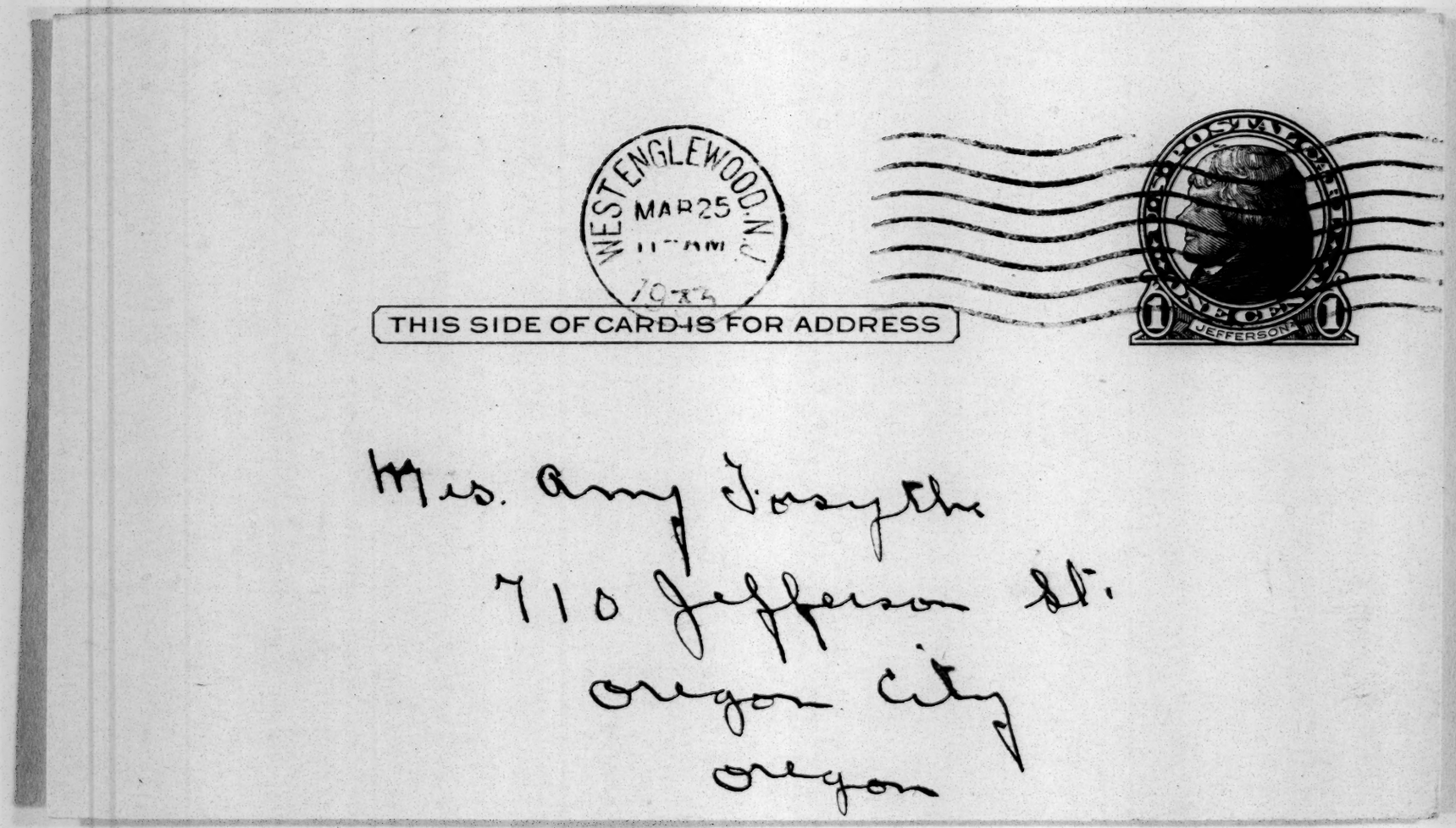
March 25, 1933.

Dear Cousin: we have mailed Irene's report today with the exception of the ten copies to be sent to her and some, which to us did not have complete addresses. we sent them all in a package to you.

we had a girl at the stencils. Ed made the copies, mother Kerron addressed the envelopes, I folded and stamped them and the society paid the expenses, which was around $7.50.

Sincerely,

Mabelle. McCalmont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I received your communication
dated the 2nd of March
and am sorry to learn
that you have been ill.
I hope you will be
able to get out to
church and Sunday School
as soon as possible.
We are all well
at this writing.
I have received
the letter which
you enclosed
from Mrs. [illegible]
and will answer
it soon.
Hoping to hear
from you soon
I remain
Yours truly
[illegible]
P.S. Please excuse
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We've been here almost a week + have till next Monday. The church here — two families but some inquirers + each day a number of non-christians come for meeting. I have a group in Bible class twice a day. Arold Mrs. Hsu 74, has felt so burdened for sins for some months — Sat a.m. we prayed with her + she poured out all her sins — She prayed that the pain in her leg + arm be healed & she was, just wonderously. Yesterday she was just jumping as spry as anything & so happy!! A non-christian Mr. Chien came yesterday to confess sin. + pray.

To remember these places much love to all of your dear ones. We're well + happy - Good visiting also yours — Irene

6 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao —
April 12, 1935 —

Dearest Mummie + all;

Well, honey mine it is 5:30 a.m + today we're getting off again. I feel I've neglected you again while I've been in — but you've had a note at least earlier. I have had a good rest + am well over the flu. Since getting out this last week station matters have taken most of my time + thoughts + at last I've got letters answered I've a few to take along — now till August I'm a freer heart — Just now getting Christmas gifts answered; I'm so glad to have them well done — The Lord is helping me to get them off + as I surrender this letter-burden He will help me carry it — We're getting off at 9:30 so won't write much but want you to have a letter. All have been so nice to me on my return. Four months almost like going on furlo — Tell Bud, please, that there are signs of life on two of roses. I think all you off to him yet.

Mattie, I've gotten your picture taken; Those two proofs in the letter are the ones

I that I did not get printed so your car. see them anyway + see when picture arrives if I close the last one. All I asked here close the one I'm getting printed. getting sig. Mrs. Lautenslager liked the profile so much that it amused me for I never could have a decent profile picture with this profile. Hope you've not been too weary with reports. Mrs. Burkhart seemed to think Mrs Lamberson's file was empty because she'd been asked to return reports to you - those do not need to be returned. Well I got another letter off to her. This is two - I must write Uncle Arthur. I'm sorry about his loneliness - but glad Aunt Glennie has received her release from suffering + entrance into the Father's glory. This seems all of our dear ones over there. I'm glad you did go - We will live with Hazel happily - so good he has been.

Don't worry about me suffering or my hard-ships — my! I'm just well-cared for! So glad all remembered your birthday Memsie mine, Bernyce hasn't seen her people for so long — I didn't realize they were so old. golden wedding!

I haven't time to answer your other letters - just want to tell you last story from Wang Chia Jan - the children's church.

Last fall a little boy 12 Chinese count - Chinese account came poured out his sins took him as his Saviour. He'd had small pox, as a baby carried out to be buried + came to life just as burying so cute. As soon as he believed persecution began. School mates chased, teased + cursed him; his teacher made fun; and father + mother both beat + cursed him. He was an only son + to leave the old way for "foreign devil's religion" meant no one to continue the ancestral worship - a charged heart, no gambling, cursing + lying + stealing meant little for his father died all this himself.

After we left his father set out to beat him to recanting. He'd beat for a while then ask, "Do you believe?" "I believe" - Beat again + then ask again - This went on for four or five times + courtyard was full of folks. One, wishing to save him said, "He says he doesn't believe why do you still beat him?"

Tien Jan said - "I said I believe" not willing to be saved by a lie. His father took off his coat + pants + sent him off at

yard to believe his Jesus!! He ran to the little closet poured out his heart in prayer! The woman from whom we rent the rooms went to him - took a coat + covered him to his chin to keep warm. Hang!

Later his mother came + said, "Sir Jesus if you will request we will treat you as a man; if not we will treat you as a dog!"

"Well, mother, treat me as a dog then for I must believe in Jesus!"

He has won two others little boys to believe!! He is so tiny. Keep praying for him. His persecution keeps up. I feel about 2" high beside him!

I must get up now + start to getting ready! Tell my love to my precious family. I love you all so + praise God for every remembrance of you.

We're going by sea + land this time so we if its any easier. ——

The Lord is our leader + keeper + praise Him — glad your little jacket is done Mumsie — Bye - I love you

Irene

Wang Chia Lan
April 22, 1935

Dearest Mummie mine + Loved Ones at Home!
We are been down here again with this Young folks shereah — + it surely has been the leading of the Lord too — Yuie had my card by now I expect. The old cook was home when we arrived + were found out that his treachery is out + he's said some pretty nasty things — the children have had some effect too from it — one girl quite left down + for a couple of months went back to gambling + smoking but Praise God she's back again — I'll tell you of her later. I want to answer your letter first.
Yes, the date by the name in Prayer Book means the date of arrival in China. But, see they've just come to Tsingtao so the least courtesy is that I should entertain them in my home! I have it done it yet — When I got home this time I was first getting over my flu + then both Mr. + Mrs. Lautensclager had to go to the hospital the days that I was

Hmm — maybe I can when I return this time. It isn't so easy with this cook for while he suits for country + our ordinary cooking for guests this not much good —
Am glad you + Eula were able to get some letters up for Synodical. Eula honey, you did it for Him I know but for myself — Thank you so much! I love you so Sister-mine + for all your loving sympathy + helps I just thank the Master. May He give you the physical strength for your many duties — give you + Ray ever-new power in your witnessing + many contacts + situations may Holy Spirit just flow out thru you! Glad you saw the Roseburg friends — I just praise Him for their taking over the 50.00. Not that I was in the least disturbed, I wasn't, but thank Him for His provision + supplying needs. I'm glad too it is Roseburg — as I know them + they're the banner etc — How is Mrs Sherk — Hers isn't easy either but a fine service to Keep the young folks together, I hope Eula has had a visit with Mrs. Burklart. Sorry for the mix-up over letters + reports + hope that is clear. I wrote her again. Tell her if there is something she feels should be change

3) to write to you. Had Miss Samberson written you a card months ago + merely said she must keep the reports on file = you'd not have asked her to return them + then all would have been easy. Hope Earl will find something suitable at home — Glad that the little coat of Barbie's is nice. Let me know if there is anything you'd like from here in clothes line; So glad Eula can help you with your things — My! what a blessing she is to you: I just thank the Father for her + her loving care for you.

Mummie dear, I'll spend the Oregon City gift on soap. If they want it — there is no reason why I can't. I can't recall what I said but did not mean to give that impression of not being free or willing to do that, I have already bought 4.00 mix worth of Sux for soap 24 cakes that .14 + per cakes not quite 5¢ a cake. I'll get the rest of it later. I enjoy having it on hand.

Your description of the family dinner when they came from Salem + pot luck — made me almost homesick — When you said you read my letters — When I come home such. I think too of the picnic for Birthday down by Salem — + many other good times were had there. I have

+ just a mighty precious family! I tell you + love you heaps. Sometimes it seems quite unreal that I am here in China + doing what I am. Surely is as different as can be — like living in two worlds for sure. Even in Singtao + out here are two separate kinds of life + thinking.

The cook has just said that a mail goes this P.M. so I'm hurrying to write this + get it sent on! Miss Hsu is teaching them to sing in next room as I write. The young boys are all busy + not free in the daytime but a few women + girls have time. Wire getting into the busy season when all are busy with spring work. Since their parents do not believe they just give the youngsters especially extra work to keep them from coming. My! I just marvel at these youngsters — not a one but has special persecution + as people, ordinarily viewed, or naturally just have left it long ago but the Holy Spirit has certainly given them a heart to love Christ — take persecution + just give every cent they can get aloof at to the church.

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5) We had an interesting time counting up their expenditures the after night. Many old churches + with adults can't equal them. They've gotten into a little mix-up - naturally children having whole responsibility There is one old lady in groups but she can't read — She's a good chaperon tho — so the responsibility is on the youngsters — one boy not 20 is one + one girl 23 is another mind-stay! my the rivers of there beaten ruffian in this section of the town. There is nothing too vile for them to make up about the church, youngsters + tho included! I thank the Master that personally it doesn't move me — my I'd been furious years ago! Even Christ was accursed — if he sees we are worthy to share with Him, Then that is our glory. We had the funniest — yet almost tragic time with a demon possessed woman Easter Sunday. Her husband came to ask us to go to see her + have breakfast. We didn't go to eat his food + we're glad afterward but went to see her. We do not often go to those like this — whole family + non-christian + their only interest is immediate

b) relief not interest in Christ. We do not feel our demon-driving faith has been equal to it — nor sure of wisdom of it — & sometimes it plainly is unwise to go. Should it feel very definitely that it was the Lord's will for us to go, we could hardly avoid it. When we went in a serving woman said "They've come to see you" — She was up at once & antagonistic — "I don't want them to see me"; "They've come to see the bride". She let them go to her room / I won't have them here!" We were all a bit afraid but miss Farr, Said — tho' a bit fearful inside, "In Jesus name we command you to go" & at that the fur began. She got just furious. "I'm not afraid of Heaven nor Hell nor Jesus & I won't have you here! She grabbed the serving woman & began beating her with a hand-broom handle! She was, in reality, beating us indirectly! A man took her off & we went to other room. We didn't pray for her there — Husband apologized profusely for insult- etc - We left later. feeling much like the defeated disciples at foot of mount, others were prayed for were quiet. This one was out of our experience / — The next

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day they told us how finally with demonic
meds they drove the demon out — it kept
saying: "Jesus wanted to find me — scared
me to death! I only fear Jesus — I'll go —
I'll go I'll go back to the back-room." The
woman voice + appearance wasn't normal
at all while possessed but after it went
was normal + rational — They've all said
for years a demon has been in that house +
frequently possesses someone! We learned
something. Had we had her bound + prayed
likely she'd have been freed at once. But I'm
not clear exactly that the Master would
have us to under those circumstances.
Anyway I saw in a new way what Christ suffered
on the cross when powers of hell fell on him
+ what He has saved us from + too the
awfulness of future punishment!

We have such things around us all the time
Must sound very unreal to you there but
not unreal here! Life is surely full of all
sorts of experiences! We live in an atmosphere
of hell + miracle of love all at once. A few
nights ago a girl who had backslidden, for a few weeks
her father's beating her for believing + gone back
to cards + her smoking + didn't come down.

One night after the attentive girls who slept with her were asleep, & she was still awake – a great light filled the room & Jesus appeared to her & sat on the Kang for a long time & slowly talked to her. She confessed her sins to Him. He spoke forgiveness & told her not to fear her father, but to bring him to the church, that those whom persecution had made cold would come back, that there was envy & selfishness in the group, that He eventually would save all the village. She wakened the two other girls telling them "Jesus is here" — They could see the light but not Jesus. They said the light was bright enuf to find a thread a needle. She sent the girls after us to see Him & when they came out there was a great light over all the south part of the town but not in fields – They didn't get our door open & went back – The light was not so bright. Later they lighted a light & then light was gone. Ai Lan – the girl, was radiantly happy – & has witnessed & is back so earnest. Her father after two days at last gave his permission for her to come to meetings. Before said he'd beat her if she came!

These things may seem idle tales to some but surely the Lord's return is soon & Holy Spirit is trying to in every way fill up the number. This place if it does not repent surely will have punishment for the grace & miracles shown here surely are enuf to make them believe.

Time for mail to go – I must close & hurry coat off with this. We go home next Tuesday – so I'll write from there again & can send your picture then. It is better than the proofs – Hope –

Much love to all my dear ones –

Yours – Irene

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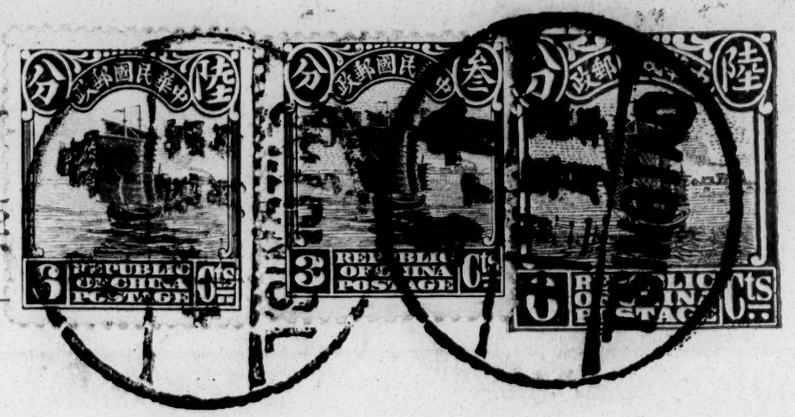

Mrs. E. J. Forsythe
710 Jefferson St.
Oregon City
Oregon
U.S.A.

May 21, 1935

Dear Mrs. Forsythe

Received your letter a week
ago. Glad to hear that
you are all well. We
are fine. Will go to
Canton Saturday A.M. 4th

go again. Just a
note to let you know
am well & safe. The
days have been busy
& full — & getting hot.
Sadly — My Lawn thy
need rain. Maybe the
Father is trying to
weaken them to sin.
Have spent time
trying to get some
local problems in a
Rural settled
The Master has blessed
there —
Hope picture
arrived O.K. —
Love to all —
In haste, Irene

Out In Country
May 29, 1935

Dearest Mumsie Mine:

We've been out about - over - two weeks + as we were expecting Emily Russell from Cleefoo for some time with us in the country but she hadn't come + we were afraid we'd miss her I sent the cook in to see. He brought me your letters of April 22 + 29 -

Well, I was surprised at the news of Ray's + Eula's trip East. I am surely glad for them. Ray hasn't been home since I was at Moody - twins were small then. I'de will miss his mother as this is the first home-going since she has died. Did they drive or go by train - six weeks - I rather think they must have driven - their fares would be much less. I say boys are

If now and ever that it ought to mean a great deal to them. I shall go to Ann Arbor too I'm sure. Did Eula get some new clothes? I haven't seen notices yet of where Assembly met. It reminds me of meeting Daddy Si in Chicago when he was delegate & of the great enjoyment he had from that experience — of our bus ride on Michigan avenue — — I hope I praise God that he is now with the Master — troublous times of world would be a worry at all — Anyway it is best as the Master has planned it. But ah! I too am so grateful that He has left me your Mamie dear. May He help her to prepare so when He comes for His bride will be unashamed.

So glad Ray is well again & Eula too. You didn't mention her — My! but these bodies of ours are

3| surely a blessing as a hindrance.
I am so glad Ray is better — May the Master
keep all of yaw well!

This letter has been waiting now a
couple of day. It was interrupted by a
messages coming from Irington for miss
Hue to go ins — a check in Irington failed
all together. miss Law + miss Hue's savings
of years were in it. Hers letter said
they must go to register — if there may be some
at the bank about it
of it returned. They've had a good test
of loving all + still not letting it worry
them. Miss Hue's father is quite wealthy
but very tight — so it doesn't mean that
she is destitute at all + they get about
$ 6 gold per month salary | Miss Law feels
Miss Hue will eventually inherit some
Law can always have her home. It has been
a test to see how much real love is
actually tied to money + they've been
great in it.

My I surely sympathize with those
volunteers who are waiting. I surely
hope that, those 98, I do not pray that

4. God will open the way — It will be very interesting to see what the status of the Presbyterian Board is at this Independent assembly. It would appear that they, having been outlawed, have not taken that seriously + have gone on with campaigning. Ray will be able to get some first hand news.

That day after the letter came — a Mr. Hu was here, the messenger for a time + then it left Miss Tan, who has been well there last few weeks, to care for the meetings here. She the next day + since any time apart from meetings has been filled by Miss Emily Russell's visit. She is now on her third year in China to be country worker for Cheefoo. She has a real problem ahead of her in that she has developed diabetes since her coming + while she doesn't need to take insulin yet still there is a question about her being able to do country work + it

5] quite breaks her heart to give it up.
Dr Abbott (you remember him — who had tea
with us in N.Y. & came before sandwiches were
made) wanted her to come to go with
us for a month but it turns out she'll
just get four days). The wheat harvest
is just upon us — wish I'd gone before
but they wanted us to stay over Sunday
So will go Mon. They have been so busy
that for two mornings we've not had classes
They may come this P.M. am not sure —
This has given a little more time to talk
over problems & conditions with her.
I'm going back by way of Mississippi
& on to Lexington. Emily will go back direct
from here to visit a friend in there.

So you've had drought in U.S. There
has been a great dry spell here as
spring & how rain was needed — way of
for rain.
We saw some of the non-Christian praying
All of the temple doors were opened &

& incense was burned. In larger temples there is a drum — or big bell, tower + usually beaten at times of worship, + on the 1st + 15th of month ~~the~~ I said beaten for that is the method of ringing. We heard those bells rung thru out the day for rain & prayers — Banners of small oblong paper were hung across the streets — prayers for rain. One place had an offering of wheat on a table under a shelter in the middle of the road at crossroads of a market. Incense was burned before it. The headmen of the villages abstained from meat & knelt in the temples to pray for rain. At one of the very most spiritual churches in Ningtao they fasted two days in prayer Then it came — as we were on the way here — We got rather a soaking but that was immaterial — how glad we were for the rain! It rained famine here. See how evil man is — even before it has come to it the poor had rumors at going to —

I said those who had bins filled with grain of various kinds.
The wheat the grain, was shriveled + the rain has filled it out — Mr. Hsü said last night there would be a difference of several buskels per acre.
How we praise Him. Years of famine even tho we have food makes banditry + robbery worse + that interrupts his work. — aside from the joy over the prospect of food. The love of God surely is boundless —— at one village as the rain was coming up + we were waiting for carter to get cart across a little boy came out of temple! "At last we prayed rain here — go back + kneel some more" So back he ran to kneel! Later villages will take up offerings to have traveling actors play several days — as payment of vows to whatever god or ideal they happen to decide sent the rain.

2) We have mission meeting June 20 — 27. Till then I'll not go another place if we can help them at Hua Li Chuang will stay longer but I must get in before long to get reports ready for Mission meeting — get clothes in order I did get a lot of repairing + dyeing started before I came out. Nothing new just do not want look "dowdy" If I appear "queer" someone will conclude that I've been in country too much — + I do not want that! Summer plans not yet made except July 14 — 31 is summer conference + I have to be in Tsingtao.

I surely thank Rev. Gile for praying for me. I didn't answer Mrs. Brown's letter I think telling me of their change. I should believe lest they feel me lacking in courtesy or hurt maybe.

Matter if Emmett + Eula want you to let taxes slide on that land. I believe I'd do it —

9/ Yes I read Morrow's report letter - Wasn't that wonderful the way the aeroplane brought them the itinerating money just the day before! You dear we read get a copy of the year book of prayer — I must confess in my way of living that it is after in my suitcase than out — That I know I fail in! We get "Women + Missions" too — Yes it was discouraging to find the woman so dirty for whom you made the dress — anyone tho you felt it undeserved your making it was in the right spirit. I thought of the few cases you used to nurse + messes you'd get into! It is comforting to know that such service is judged by the Master by the spirit of the one who gives it rather than the outward result — if truly done to glorify Him!

10/ One woman here has had such treatment from her husband! His coming — so angry + cursing her vilely + interrupted the meetings. One night we were so afraid for her — that he'd beat her as he has done often — + all prayed earnestly for her. She got home to find outer gate propped with a stick + she tried in vain to open it — Then she said she prayed + tried again + it opened. Her face just shines + she has such joy in prayer — she has to have something to carry her thru that sort of life. Praise God for His wonderful love + the way He provides for the needs of each one.

Tomorrow is a full day- I'll have this P.M + tonight's meetings so I must close now -

I'm praying that you'll have great contentment these days Mumsie mine — much love to my own precious Mumsie dear — Your Irene